

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 30, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 17 shows an exploded view of an embodiment of an adjustable transverse connector 30". The adjustable transverse connector 30" may include first section 46, second section 48, optional lining 104, fastener 106, elongated member openings 60openings 40 and cam systems 42. The optional lining 104 may be, but is not limited to, a bushing or a sleeve. The fastener 106 may fix the position of the first section 46 relative to the second section 48. The cam systems 42 may securely fasten an elongated member 28 to a section 46 or 48 of the transverse connector 30". In alternate embodiments, an elongated member 28 may be fastened to a transverse connector 30" by connecting mechanisms other than cam systems 42. The other types of connecting mechanisms may include, but are not limited to, setscrews, and connector and nut arrangements. Combinations of different types of connecting mechanisms may also be used to couple a transverse connector 30" to an elongated member 28.